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## *Red Tape Review*

Sixty days ago, President Obama rolled out an Executive Order for his Administration to conduct a thorough review of the nation's regulatory framework. Unfortunately, his rhetoric doesn't match reality. That is why Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions such as Senator Susan Collins' CURB Act, which would cut red tape and promote job growth.

**WALL STREET JOURNAL: EPA Rule Targets Mercury Pollution:** The EPA says the annual cost to meet *the new regulation will be about \$11 billion in 2016, and that it will increase consumers' electric bills on the order of three or four dollars a month*. The anticipated mercury rules *could lead to the closing of 18% of the nation's coal-fired generation capacity*. (March 17, 2011)

**POLITICO: Time to Tackle Regulatory Reform:** While we struggle with health care reform, energy reform and entitlement reform, *no reform may be more critical to the health of our country than regulatory reform*. (March 17, 2011)

**FOX NEWS: Lawmakers Clash on Hill Over Government 'Takeover' of Internet:** *The move could open the door for ever-expanding government dominion over the Internet*. Republicans supporting the resolution in committee Tuesday circulated a letter describing the FCC action as "unprecedented job-destroying rules." (March 15, 2011)

**CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER: Ohio Coal Industry Says Obama Promised to Bankrupt Coal-Fired Power Plant Builders:** "In 2008, President Obama said, '*If someone wants to build a new coal-fired power plant they can, but it will bankrupt them*' because they will be charged a huge sum for all the greenhouse gas that's being emitted.'" (March 15, 2011)

**WALL STREET JOURNAL: Carbon and Democracy:** The EPA's carbon putsch has been arbitrary, politically driven and frequently illegal, *and it won't be any less reckless two years from now*. (March 15, 2011)

**EDMOND SUN: Pain at the Pump Will Continue:** *Thanks to regulations imposed on onshore production, oil and gas leasing in western states has fallen 67 percent since 2005*. Decreased access to the region's oil shale resources alone deprives us of as much as 1.5 trillion barrels of oil. (March 15, 2011)

**DAILY CALLER: Who Wants to be a U. S. Senator?:** *The EPA is actively pursuing a bizarre legal theory that the 1970 Clean Air Act was designed as a global warming law, and that pursuant to it they can regulate just about everything that moves, as well as most industrial facilities.* (March 16, 2011)

## **GOP Solutions to *Red Tape***

**Senator Collins Introduces Bill to Cut Red Tape, Promote Job Growth:** The "Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens," or CURB Act, would *require federal agencies to analyze the indirect costs of regulations, such as the impact on job creation, the cost of energy, and consumer prices.* (March 17, 2011)

**McConnell Introduces Amendment To Stop EPA's Back-Door National Energy Tax:** "Fourteen million Americans are looking for work. Gas prices are approaching \$4 a gallon. And *the Obama administration wants unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats to impose new regulations that will destroy even more jobs – and drive gas prices even higher.*" (March 15, 2011)

**Risch, Barrasso Defend Rural Communities from Unfunded EPA Mandates:** "The bill would prohibit the EPA from fining small communities that are unable to comply with new water quality standards. Many of these communities cannot afford costly upgrades to their water systems without technical assistance and financial aid. *We want to protect small and rural communities from this latest unfunded mandate handed down by the EPA.*" (March 17, 2011)

**MSNBC: GOP Watch: GOP governors take aim at Obama, EPA:** More than 18 GOP governors are going to release a letter to President Obama detailing ways in which the regulatory agenda pursued by the *Obama Administration and the EPA are curtailing economic growth in the states and threatening America's long-term prosperity.* The letter is signed by GOP Governors Robert Bentley (Alabama), Sean Parnell (Alaska), Janice K. Brewer (Arizona), Nathan Deal (Georgia), C.L. "Butch" Otter (Idaho), Mitch Daniels (Indiana), Terry E. Branstad (Iowa), Bobby Jindal (Louisiana), Haley Barbour (Mississippi), Jack Dalrymple (North Dakota), John R. Kasich (Ohio), Mary Fallin (Oklahoma), Tom Corbett (Pennsylvania), Luis Fortuño (Puerto Rico), Nikki Haley (South Carolina), Dennis Daugaard (South Dakota), Rick Perry (Texas), Gary R. Herbert (Utah), Robert F. McDonnell (Virginia), and Matthew H. Mead (Wyoming). (March 18, 2011)

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